(b) Yes, Sir. Two low value equipments in Calcutta Laboratory could not be utilised because of lack of response from the manufacturer to BIS Certification Marks Scheme which is voluntary in nature. and three high value equipments in Central Laboratory. Sahibabad could not be put to use because of lack of uninterrupted power supply.

(c) As a small beginning towards commercialisation, calibration facilities in BIS Laboratories would be available for commercial purpose to earn more revenue for BIS.

Purchase of residential flats by BIS

7573. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Indian Standards have purchased residential flats at various stations for Groups A officers only;

(b) whether TA. DA rules are also relaxed to give maximum benefit to Group A officers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal from BIS for amendment of regulation governing TA/DA of all categories of BIS employees is under consideration of the Government.

Quality system standard for BIS

7574. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIS is following any applicable international quality system standard for its own functioning; and

(b) if so, which Quality System document exists in Bureau of Indian Standards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) BIS has adopted quality system and quality assurance standards as well as guidelines established by International Organization for Stadardization (IS). International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the European Union.

(b) BIS maintains Quality System Mannual and related Procedures, Guidelines and Formats as per requirements of IS/IEC Guide 40 and EN 45012.

BIS as a Scientific Organisation

7575. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Indian Standards is declared as Scientific organisation; and

(b) if so, which activities of BIS are scientific and who is doing scientific activities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The following core activities of BIS are scientific in nature:

(1) Formulation of National Standards.

(2) Laboratory Management.

(3) Product Certification, and

(4) Quality System Certification

In addition all technical support services related to the core activities are also deemed as scientific.

These activities are being carried out by numbers of scientific cadre of BIS who possess a minimum qualification of Post Graduate Degree in Natural Scien-